

**REMARKS**

Examiner Nguyen has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 12-20 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicants respectfully traverse this rejection of the Examiner. The applicants do, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Nguyen for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter in the claims of the present application and an indication of the allowability of claims 6, 8, 10 and 11 if rewritten.

Claims 6 and 10 have been rewritten into independent form including base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6 and 10 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance for the reasons recognized by Examiner Nguyen. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' attorney at the exchange listed below.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
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